

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 4, last paragraph.

Because of such structure, in the first step, while at least one of the first and second tools is being rotated about the junction axis, the workpiece is nipped by the junction tool in the direction of the junction axis and then pressed. Then, the distal end portion of the junction tool is sunk into the workpiece. Namely, the distal end portion of the workpiece is press-fitted into the workpiece.

Page 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph.

Especially when ~~a junction tool that a small and large diameter portions are provided in its first tool is used~~, the first tool is provided with a large diameter portion which has a larger diameter than that of a distal end surface of the second tool and a small diameter portion which is placed at the distal end side of the tool with respect to the large diameter portion and is smaller in the diameter than the large diameter portion, as described above, sinking of the first tool into the workpiece is suppressed and, at the same time, the amount of sinking of the second tool with a recess into the workpiece is increased and the bottom portion of the recess of the second tool is positioned in the vicinity of the surface of the workpiece. As a result, it is possible to prevent a protrusion from being protruded greatly from the surface of the workpiece after junction.